

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 13, 1998

The Honorable Al Gore
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

We are writing to urge you and the President to fully support Secretary Babbitt in his current efforts to bring the CALFED process to a successful conclusion in California.

For CALFED to fail would be calamitous. It would end the cooperative effort among all stakeholders that has moved forward over the past five years, and could also mean that the close cooperation between and among federal and state agencies would cease.

Secretary Babbitt's recently intensified direct involvement in the process has been very well received by CALFED participants.

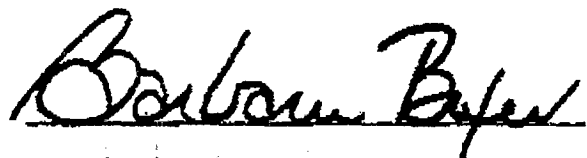
We firmly believe that the only way a final agreement will be reached in a timely fashion is for him personally to provide the leadership necessary to craft a balanced proposal that can enjoy broad stakeholder support.

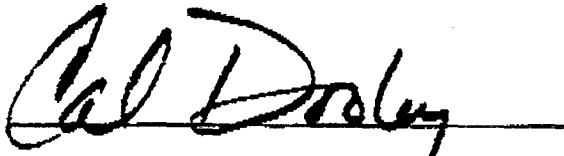
We have great confidence in Secretary Babbitt's ability to lead disparate interests to common ground. We also believe that a clear sign of support from the White House would enhance his already considerable effectiveness in the ongoing negotiations.

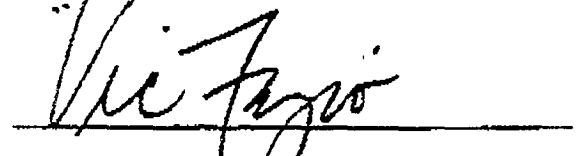
We urge you and the President to provide such a clear signal, to further empower Secretary Babbitt as he provides the crucial leadership required to bring about a long-term solution that addresses California's critical water supply and environmental quality needs.

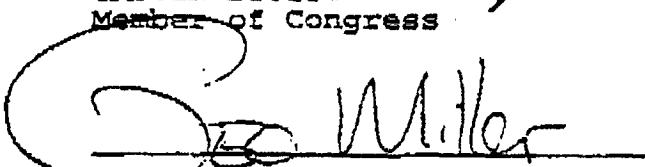
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